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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Inventor: Xinghao Chen, et al.

Serial No.: 09/878,554

Filed: June 11, 2001

For: EFFICIENCY OF FAULT
SIMULATION BY LOGIC BACKTRACING

) Group Art Unit: 2133
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Examiner: Joseph D. Torres
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Confirmation No. 5168
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2005, transmitted herewith is a Response for the above-identified application.

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(37 C.F.R. §1.8a)

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- Applicant(s) petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 [fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)] for the total number of months checked below:

EXTENSION (months)	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY	FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
1 month	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120.00
2 months	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450.00
3 months	<input type="checkbox"/> \$510.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1020.00

- An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.
- Extension due with this Request \$_____
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

ADDITIONAL PAPERS ENCLOSED:

FEES FOR CLAIMS:

- Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

The fees for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d)) have been calculated as shown below:

Total Claims	8	-	20	=	0	x	\$50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	-	4	=	0	x	\$200	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	\$270	(if applicable)				<input type="checkbox"/>		\$0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS								\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity.								\$0.00
Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28.								<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL FEES FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED HEREWITH								\$0.00

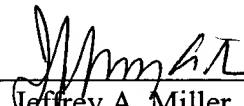
- Check No. in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed to cover the above fee(s).
- Charge Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP's Deposit Account No. **150665** in the amount of \$_____ to cover the extension of time fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP's Deposit Account No. **15-0665** for any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that are not covered, in whole or in part, by a check enclosed herewith and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account **15-0665**.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: **Efficiency of Fault Simulation By Logic Backtracing**

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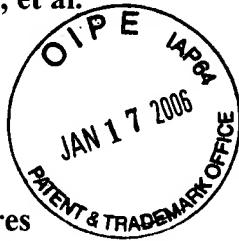
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 12, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.